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SUBJ: ANGLO-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT OF BRITISH FOREIGN
SECRETARY

REF: MOSCOW 15149

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ANGLO-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE WHICH IS
EMBARGOED UNTIL 1600 HOURS GMT WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5.

BEGIN TEXT

1. AT THE INVITATION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME,
THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM, PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION
FROM 2 TO 5 DECEMBER 1973. IN ADDITION TO MOSCOW, THE SECRETARY
OF STATE ALSO VISITED LENINGRAD.

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2. DURING HIS STAY IN MOSCOW, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN

AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WAS RECEIVED BY N. V. PODGORNYY, MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR, AND HAD TALKS WITH HIM.

3. SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, AND A. A. GROMYKO, MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANGLO-SOVIET RELATIONS.

4. THE FOLLOWING TOOK PART IN THE TALKS: ON THE BRITISH SIDE: SIR THOMAS BRIMELOW, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY AT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE; SIR TERENCE GARVEY, BRITISH ABASSADOR TO THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS; MR. J. L. BULLARD, HEAD OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN AND SOVIET DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE; MR. A.J.M. CRAIG, HEAD OF THE NEAR EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE; AND OTHER OFFICIALS; AND ON THE SOVIET SIDE: S. P. KOZYREV, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS; N. M. LUNKOV, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS IN LONDON; V.P. SUSLOV AND M. D. SYTENKO, MEMBEROS OF THE COLLEGIUM OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS; AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

5. THE MEETINGS AND TLAKS TOOK PLACE IN A FRIENDLY AND BUSINESS-LIKE ATMOSPHERE.

6. THE TWO MINISTERS NOTED WITH SATISFAVTION POSITIVE TRENDS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE, WHICH CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY AND PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS. THEY EMPHASISED THEIR JOINT INTENTION TO CONTRIBUTE IN EVERY WAY TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THESE POSITIVE TRENDS.

7. THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS
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UNDER DISCUSSION IN GENEVA AT THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THEY AGREED TO WORK FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED AT THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI.

8. IN DISCUSSION THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, THE

EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR EACH PARTY AND THEIR JOINT DETERMINATION THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE STABLE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIP AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE.

9. IN DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THEY REAFFIRMED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THAT AREA, BASED ON THE IMPLEMENTATION, IN ALL THEIR PARTS, OF RESOLUTIONS NOS. 242, 338, 339 AND 340 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY AGREED TO DO ALL IN THEIR POWER TO THIS END.

10. IN THE COURSE OF THE TALKS THERE TOOK PLACE A USEFUL DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH DISARMAMENT, THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN CONSOLIDATING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA.

11. THEY DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN INDO-CHINA AND REAFFIRMED THE NEED FOR THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS ON ENDING THE WAR AND ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN VIETNAM. THEY EMPHASISED THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF INDO-CHINA SHOULD BE FREE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION.

12. THE TWO MINISTERS TOOK NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, AND UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING AND EXPANDING POLITICAL CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS, WITH A VIEW TO GIVING THEM A REGULAR CHARACTER.

13. THEY RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING TRADE TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THEY NOTED ALSO THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS, AND LOOKED FORWARD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE SIGNATURE OF THE TEN YEAR AGREEMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.

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